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James McNamara Guilty of Wrecking Times Building Brother Also Confesses

Tremendous Sensation Sprung in the Court-Room at Los Angeles by Admissions of the Two Men—Expectation is That James McNamara Will Be Sentenced to Life Imprisonment and John McNamara to a Lighter Term—State's Case Overwhelming

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(Canadian Press)—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty this evening of murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Charles J. Haggerty, a victim of The Los Angeles Times explosion and fire.

His brother, John J. McNamara, jointly indicted with him, pleaded guilty to dynamiting the Llewellyn Ironworks.

They will be sentenced next Tuesday, Dec. 5.

James B. McNamara probably will get life imprisonment. John J. McNamara, it was rumored, will get 14 years. Each pleaded guilty of the charge on which he was extradited from Indianapolis.

Within 15 minutes after court opened this afternoon one of the greatest criminal trials of modern times had ended so abruptly that many of those supposedly in the heart of the matter did not know it was going to happen.

The prisoners were taken back to jail, Judge Walter Bordwell retired to his chambers and opposing counsel went to their rooms.

"The McNamaras have pleaded guilty because they are guilty," was District Attorney John D. Fredericks' crisp comment.

No Other Way.

"If I had seen any way out of it, we would not have done it," said Attorney Clarence S. Darrow after court. "We have had it under consideration since a week ago Monday."

So far as has been learned less than a dozen men knew when court opened what was going to happen.

Judge Bordwell did not betray his information, but chatted with the reporters about the possibility of night sessions. Malcolm McLaren, representative of the detective agency which brought about the arrests, was denying a report that McNamara had refused to confess.

Fredericks brought his wife to court, and G. Ray Horton, W. Joseph Ford and S. L. Vermilya, his deputies, knew what was coming, as did counsel for the defence and for the prisoners, Samuel L. Brown, chief of the investigation for the state, and Larry M. Sullivan, an investigator for the defence. The jury was discharged at 3:10 p.m.

The eight sworn jurors and two talesmen passed for cause were brought to the courtroom at 3:05 to be discharged.

"The case," said Judge Bordwell, addressing them, "which you will not try, has come to an end. The defendant has pleaded guilty, so your valuable services will not be required."

The judge smiled, and some members of the jury applauded.

"I want to tell you that I am absolutely confident that you men would have given this man a fair and impartial trial."

John J. McNamara entered court unhandcuffed and took a seat a few feet away from his brother. Attorney Jas. Scott sat with his arms around the prisoner. John J. was smiling and chewing gum.

Withdraw Not Guilty Plea.

Attorney Davis of the defence began: "After long consideration, your honor, we have concluded to withdraw the plea of guilty against James B. and would like to have John J. tried."

District Attorney Fredericks rose and the prisoner did likewise.

"You have been arraigned, Mr. Jas. B. McNamara," said Fredericks, "and have heretofore entered a plea of not guilty."

"Did you answer guilty?"

"Yes," answered James B. McNamara.

"Do you wish now to plead against this indictment charging you with murder?"

"Yes."

"Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty."

"I'm Astounded" Says Gompers

Leader Believed Firmly in Innocence of McNamaras—Labor Cause Not Weakened.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—(Can. Press)—"I am astounded! I am astounded! My credulity has been imposed upon. It is a bolt out of a clear sky."

The exclamations were those of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, when advised to-night of the pleas of guilty in the McNamara cases.

The veteran labor leader was visibly affected as he read of the tense scenes in the courtroom at Los Angeles. Tears came into his eyes and his hand shook. He said nothing, however, until he had finished the story and then he broke forth with these exclamations of astonishment and indignation.

Believed Men Innocent.

"If this is all true, my credulity has been imposed upon," he declared. "I am astounded at this news. We have had the gravest assurance given to us by everyone connected with the trial, either directly or indirectly, that these men were innocent."

Mr. Gompers asserted, with the greatest emphasis that not the slightest intimation of any change in the plans of the defence of the McNamara case, as developed, to-day, had been communicated to him.

"What effect do you imagine this will have on the labor unions?" was asked.

To this Mr. Gompers snapped his fingers and ejaculated: "None."

When the fund, which had been raised by the American Federation of Labor for the defence of the man charged with the Los Angeles crime was mentioned, Mr. Gompers said that to state the fund amounted to about \$100,000, which had been turned over to the chief attorney for the defence.

IT'S UP TO JAMES



OLD MAN ONTARIO: Take a tumble, Jimmie: you're kinda in the line of fire.

STATE COMPETITION BIG STICK TO APPLY TO CORPORATIONS

South York Member Calls Attention to Exactions of Railways, Express Companies and Telegraph and Cable Monopolies, and Urges Action by Government—Canada Should Own Cable.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(Special)—"It is the grievances of the people and the rectification of those grievances within the limitations of the powers of this parliament to which we should be directing our attention."

In these words W. F. Maclean (South York) expressed what has been the feeling of many who have listened to the weary thrashing out of dead campaign issues during the debate on the address.

The great grievances of east as well as west, he said, were the excessive express rates, freight and passenger rates to which the people of Canada were subjected, as well as the urgent need of lower cable and telegraph rates and the control of the capitalization of companies.

Club for Express Companies.

The remedy for excessive express charges was the establishment of a parcel post system by the postmaster-general following the lead set by the most progressive European countries.

State competition, he declared, was the only way to give relief where great private corporations exercised public functions.

Canada, he argued, should establish a state-owned cable to England. It was sound imperial policy and would bring the cable monopoly to its knees and cut rates in two. Control of land telegraph lines by the postoffice department would follow as a necessary completion of the system.

Quite a brisk discussion took place on the announcement of the intention of the government to transfer the annuities service to the postoffice department and disperse with lecturers.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster argued that it would mean a more widespread and efficient service at a minimum of cost.

The house passed the remaining estimates for 1917-18, and a supply bill was put thru, all three readings, and passed.

Announcement was made that the house would adjourn on Dec. 7 (Thursday), and meet again on Jan. 9, but Mr. Borden agreed to consider the request of several members to postpone the latter date to Jan. 10.

Dead Issues Now.

On the motion to go into supply, W.

PARCEL POST CUTS EXPRESS CHARGES

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IS C. P. R. BLOCKING LINE INTO ORILLIA?

Townpeople Think That Canadian Pacific Are Purposely Holding Up C. N. R.

ORILLIA, Dec. 1.—(From a Staff Reporter).—People in Orillia are perplexed as to why the Canadian Northern are not giving them a service.

A spur line has been built from the Farry Sound line, branching off at Udney and running to Atherley Jet, where the C. N. O. have running rights over the C. P. R. tracks into Orillia.

Nationalizing Public Services

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Joseph Armstrong of East Lambton has given notice of a resolution calling for the appointment of a commission "to investigate the systems of national telegraphs and telephones, wireless telegraphs and cables, also postal conditions, laws and regulations, parcel post, means of collecting and distributing mails, with a view to submitting such data and information to the post office department as would help to improve existing conditions in all the above, and to further enquire into postal facilities in rural districts in other countries in order that a better system of free rural mail delivery may be inaugurated."

SIR JAMES TRULY IN FIGHTING TRIM

Addressing Big Lindsay Gathering, Premier Let Loose Many Barbed Arrows of Sarcasm at Opponent's Expense—Public Man Who Hesitates Branded as Fool.

LINDSAY, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Sir James Whitney struck out right and left at his political opponents to-night with sarcasm and incidentally reviewed the government's record, and its attitude on the present political issues with telling force. Generous applause punctuated the premier's remarks.

Particularly effective was his reference to the undecided and indefinite stand taken by the opposition leader on the temperance and bilingual questions.

"I have come to the conclusion definitely," said Sir James, "that a public man who hesitates to give his opinion on public questions is a public fool. A man who attempts to hoodwink the people of Ontario to-day will not succeed, and he ought not to succeed. (Applause.)"

A Fine Rally.

Never in the history of Lindsay has there been a bigger and better political meeting than to-night. Townspeople and farmers from the surrounding country flocked into the Academy of Music till the big building was jammed to the doors. The latecomers had to climb up on the backs of seats to get a glimpse of the platform and the speakers, while hundreds of people were turned away from the doors. A special train was run to Lindsay from Orillia, a distance of 20 miles away.

Sir James was made the recipient of a beautiful bouquet, presented by Miss Miss Gertrude Pepper of Lindsay.

The chair was occupied by Wm. Shannon, president of the West Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association, Dr. A. E. Vrooman, the candidate from West Victoria for the legislature, was one of the speakers.

Sir James, in his opening remarks, referred to the loss the whole province has sustained in the death of the late member for West Victoria, S. J. Fox.

Sir James Sympathetic.

With regard to the attitude of his opponents the premier said: "I'll say something about the opposition and will say it sympathetically." (Laughter.) Referring to the support Mr. Rowell gave to the inquiries of the Ross government, in contrast to his present attitude as a great moral reformer, Sir James said:

"Why did he do it? The good outstanding citizen that he is. If he does not answer that, I guarantee I'll ask it of him anyhow. Even now I am prepared to answer it for him, but I say 'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.'"

A Clean Slate.

As to Mr. Rowell's suggestion that the Dominion and provincial governments should not be of the same political party, he said: "The present government has had a wonderful record, and the government at Ottawa has not had time yet to have any record, so there's no harm done." (Laughter.)

"The leader of the opposition is a good citizen, there is no doubt of that, but he has a lot to learn. (Applause.)"

"If a doctor came to see a patient and pronounced the malady 'emphoric' and then remarked that in about three years he would be able to suggest a remedy, that doctor would not be called in a second time." (Laughter.)

Dr. Vrooman said he was proud to be a supporter of the present government. The reason Sir James Whitney had such a big majority was because his government was a good government.

LADY TEACHER TO JAIL FOR THRASHING PUPIL

Nora McCrea, Young Woman of Merrickville, Gets One Week's Imprisonment.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 1.—(Special)—Weeping bitterly, Miss Nora McCrea, a young school teacher, whose home is in Merrickville, this afternoon received a sentence of one week in the local jail, from Judge McDonald, senior Judge of Leeds and Grenville, for having last October unlawfully punished Helen McCoubrie, one of her pupils, in the school, which she taught near Frankville.

The child was in the first instance severely punished for dropping a water bottle and when subsequently she brought to school a note of protest from her father by adoption, the school teacher punished her again. Mr. McCoubrie was subsequently paid \$500 by Miss McCrea in settlement of the case and to avoid parental prosecution, but Mr. Trail, agent of the local Children's Aid Society, brought the matter to trial.

Miss McCrea testified that the child was unruly. Judge McDonald, however, found the defendant guilty.

Miss McCrea, who comes of a highly respected family, feels her position very keenly.

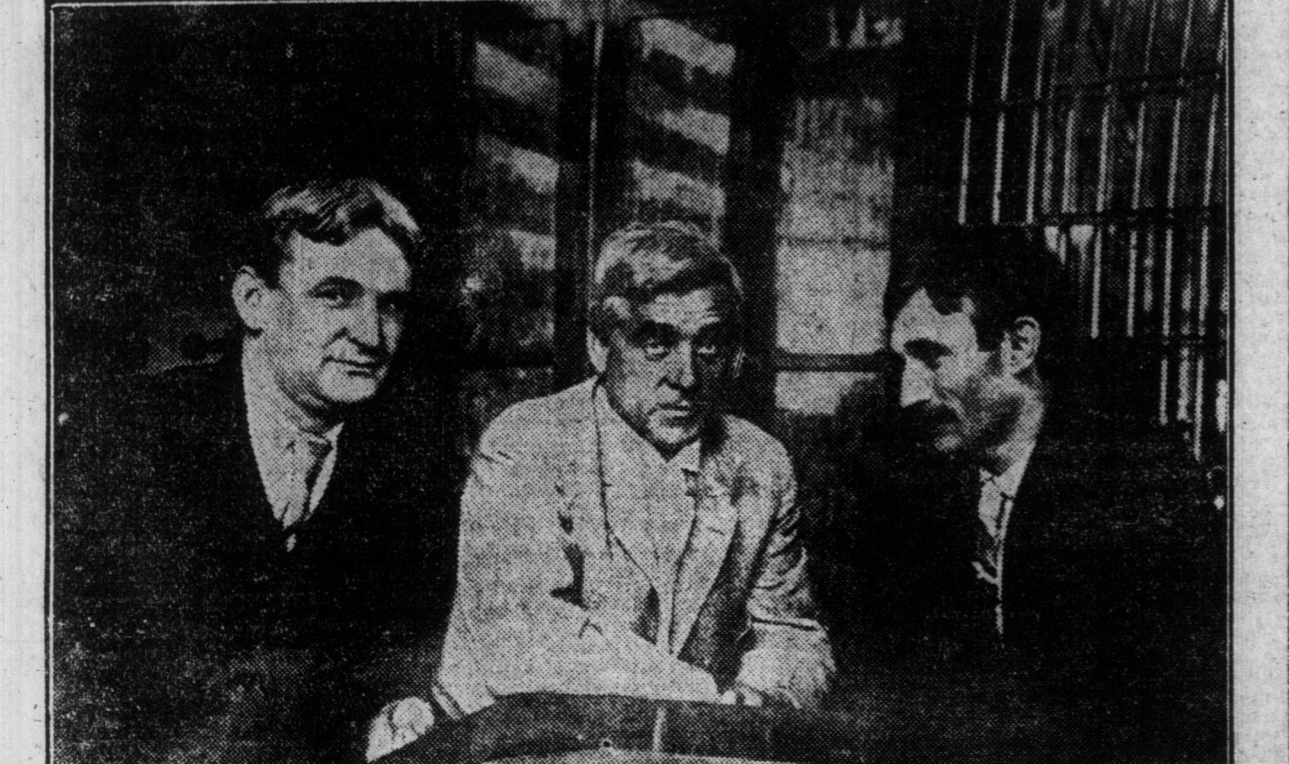
TORONTO FIRST

Toronto will be the first city visited by Mr. John Drew, after his successful season of three months at the Empire Theatre, New York, where he has been enjoying his usual triumph in "A Single Man," a new comedy by Hubert Henry Davies.

BIG HAT DAY SATURDAY.

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THE SELF-CONFESSED DYNAMITARDS



On the right is James B. McNamara, who admits having dynamited the Los Angeles Times Building last October, causing 21 deaths. On the left is his brother John J. McNamara, who pleads guilty in regard to a lesser explosion. Attorney James Scott is in the centre.

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